



A Missouri State Library news service

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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Rams grant applications due June 11

The Missouri State Library is still accepting applications for the 2004 St. Louis Rams Library Collection Grant program. The grant program is sponsored by the St. Louis Rams and administered by the State Library.

The grant consists of \$400 for books from the Rams Library Collection list, which includes books with sports themes, books chosen by the Rams players as childhood favorites, Rams bookplates, and \$100 for related programming. Eighteen grants were awarded statewide in 2003.

Application forms were mailed to each public library and branch. To be considered for the program, applications must be postmarked by June 11, 2004. For more information or to request an application, please contact Krista Adams at krista.adams@sos.mo.gov or 800-325-0131 ext. 16.

Trustee workshop to focus on improving library services

Space is still available for library board members to attend the June 12 workshop, "Library Boards 302 – Take Your Services Up a Notch." This session teaches participants how to analyze library services and how to maximize resources. Session presenter Barbara Weaver will discuss how to set realistic goals, how to write a plan for improving library services, and how to evaluate library progress.

The workshop will be conducted by videoconference to six libraries across the state on Saturday, June 12, 2004, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Board members **and library staff** are welcome to attend the workshop at any of the six locations:

- Cass County Public Library, 400 East Mechanic, Harrisonville
- Columbia Public Library, 100 West Broadway, Columbia
- H.E. Sever Memorial Library, 207 West Chestnut, Kahoka
- The Library Center, 4653 South Campbell, Springfield
- Mississippi County Public Library, 105 East Marshall, Charleston
- West Plains Public Library, 750 West Broadway Street, West Plains

To register, contact Holly Dentner, Missouri State Library, 1-800-325-0131, ext. 8, or e-mail holly.dentner@sos.mo.gov with your name, library, address, and workshop location. Onsite registration will also be accepted.

The next workshop in the series, covering library financial issues, is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2004. Registration details for that workshop will be mailed in August.

Evaluate your summer reading program

The evaluation for the 2004 summer reading programs, "Discover New Trails @ Your Library" and "Get Lost @ Your Library," is available on the State Library Web site: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/services/youth/2004/evaluation.asp>.

Public library staff may complete the evaluation and submit it online, or print the downloadable file and mail or fax the completed form.

The 2004 summer reading program evaluation form has been revised to include questions about both the children's and the teen summer programs. Libraries need only complete ONE form to report about their 2004 summer programs. The deadline for submission is September 10, 2004.

Please note the question on this year's evaluation regarding cooperation with local schools in promoting or conducting summer reading programs. The State Library is collecting this information to share at future workshops. Your input and feedback is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Nancee Dahms-Stinson at 800-325-1031, ext. 5, or by e-mail at nancee.dahms-stinson@sos.mo.gov.

Summer Institute enrollment reminder

If you are interested in attending the 2004 Summer Institute, you must enroll by Friday, July 16, 2004. Registrations are still being accepted for the following classes: Basic Library Skills, Organizing Library Material (advanced skills), and Library Administration and Management (advanced skills). **The technology skills class is full.** Those registering for the technology skills class will be placed on a waiting list.

The institute will be held August 3 – 6, 2004, at the Best Western Inn in Columbia. Online registration is available on the Missouri State Library Web site, at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/summerinstitute2004/>. For more information, contact Nancee Dahms-Stinson at 800-325-0131, ext. 5, or via e-mail at nancee.dahms-stinson@sos.mo.gov.

Watch for e-mail scam involving the Gates Foundation name

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation recently released an announcement regarding scam e-mails circulating on the Internet. These e-mails request detailed information or money from individuals or nonprofit organizations with the promise that they will receive grant funds or other money from the foundation. They sometimes include the term "direct impact grant" in their subject line or in the body of the e-mail. Others may promise winnings from a lottery.

These e-mails are not associated in any way with the Gates Foundation. Please do not send any money or information in response to e-mail from anyone who claims to be operating a "direct impact grant program" or lottery for the Gates Foundation. The foundation and its advisors never request money from potential grantees, and the foundation very rarely requests information from potential grantees by e-mail without having first made contact in person or by phone.

If you have any question about the authenticity of an e-mail, letter, or phone call purporting to be from the Gates Foundation, please e-mail info@gatesfoundation.org and a staff member will respond to you promptly.

YALSA publishes revised competencies

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association, has announced revised competencies for anyone working with young adults in libraries. The competencies were updated by the New Directions Task Force, a YALSA committee made up of practitioners and educators, and are important for public libraries, school library media centers, library science educators, state-level library consultants and building or system-level administrators.

There are two major changes in this revision: a shift in how libraries think about service to this group, and a push to include young adults in all phases of the process – from thought to execution.

Libraries are seeing increasing numbers of young adult patrons. The teen segment of the population will continue to grow, reaching 42 million by 2008, and more young adults will be visiting school library media centers and public libraries in search of homework and life-related questions. Staff familiar with the competencies will be better equipped to support the unique needs of this user group, increasing the library's value to teens and to the community as a whole.

The competencies are available in the Professional Development section of the YALSA Web site at www.ala.org/yalsa. For more information, contact the YALSA office at 800-545-2433, ext. 4390, or e-mail yalsa@ala.org.

Bookmobile/outreach services conference coming in October

The Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services and the Association of Rural and Small Libraries recently announced the agenda for their 2004 conference. Held in Columbus, Ohio, on October 13-16, 2004, the "Great American Bookmobile and Outreach Services Conference" will cover a variety of topics geared toward rural libraries and bookmobile services. More information about the conference is available at <http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~csrl/great.htm>.

If you are interested in attending this conference and need financial assistance, please consider submitting a Show-Me Steps to Career Development Grant application to the Missouri State Library. The grant can cover registration fees, transportation, lodging, meals, and miscellaneous travel expenses or program costs, as deemed reasonable by the State Library. The 2004 Show Me Steps Grant application is available at http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/grants/SO4_ShowMeSteps.pdf.

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